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In re Application of: Yu et al.

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2001 for 5 months from March 14, 2001, to and including August 14, 2001. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the following amount to cover the cost of the extension:

\$110.00	(Extension for response within first month)
\$390.00	(Extension for response within second month)
\$890.00	(Extension for response within third month)
\$1,390.00	(Extension for response within fourth month)
\$1,890.00	(Extension for response within fifth month)

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 14, 2001

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